

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>	Attorney Docket No. 20696CA	
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	Title	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF PREVENTING OR REDUCING THE RISK OR INCIDENCE OF SKELETAL ...
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4. Oath or Declaration a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed) i. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).	c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies
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14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/902,913

Prior application information: Examiner Theodore J. Criares Group/Art Unit: 1617


For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

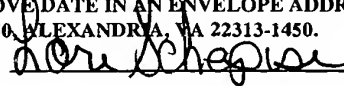
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Prior Application:

Examiner	Theodore J. Criares
Art Unit	1617

Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 09/902,913 filed on

July 11, 2001 of Donald R. Thompson

(DATE)

(INVENTOR)

for COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF PREVENTING OR REDUCING THE RISK OR INCIDENCE OF SKELETAL INJURIES...

(TITLE OF INVENTION)

1. The enclosed comprises a copy of prior application Serial No. 09/902,913, as filed on

July 11, 2001. The entire disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

FOR	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
Total Claims	14	-	20	0	x	\$18
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x	\$84
*Multiple Dependent Claims						\$280
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)						\$750
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3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2755.

4. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ division of application Serial No. 09/902,913, filed July 11, 2001.

5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims: 1-34.

6. ☒ Preliminary amendment enclosed.

7. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 enclosed.

8a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

8b. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.

9a. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

(COUNTRY)

9b. ☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

10. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Merck & Co., Inc.

11. ☒ The undersigned attorney or agent has:

a. ☒ Power in the prior application as originally filed.

b. ☐ Associate power, copy enclosed.

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